

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2001

PRESENT: Buddy Agan, John Calhoun, Tojo Forrester, Ray Gunnells, Larry Walker, Claude Thomas, Charles Burdette, Director Allen, Attorney Pruitt

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm with prayer given by Mr. I.V. White.

4. First item on the agenda were public hearings as follows:

- a. Adopt an Ordinance granting the Assessor's Office a one-year extension on the county reassessment and that we date our own date of June 30th to complete the reassessment.
- b. Grant request from Specialty Real Estate Inc. to rezone approximately 5.8 acres located near Lowndesville on the north side of Hwy. 81 at the intersection of Hwy. 81 and Ricky Lane from General Residential to General Commercial to allow for a restaurant and a convenience store.
- c. Adopt an Ordinance to put \$8,200 into the Development Board budget for World Class Education to come out of the Development Board Fund Balance.

5. Election of Chairman for 2001. Attorney Pruitt stated that he brought along an ordinance book to read to the council and public what the office of Chairman duties consist of as well as the Vice Chairman. The Board shall elect one person to serve as Chairman for one year at the initial meeting of the Board in January following each general election. The Chairman will reside over all the regular and special meetings of the Board, shall execute on behalf of the Board all ordinances, resolutions, directives, deeds, bonds, contracts and other official instruments or documents and shall have such other duties and perform such other functions as set forth in the rules. At the initial meeting in January following each general election the Board shall appoint one of its members to serve as Vice Chairman for a one-year term. In the event the Chairman cannot serve, the Vice Chairman shall serve as Chairman instead. He also stated that neither one of these officers have any other duties than what has been outlined. Attorney Pruitt, therefore, proceeded by asking for nominations for office of Chairman for 2001. Councilman Charles Burdette made a motion to nominate Larry Walker as Chairman that was seconded by Councilman Agan. Councilman Agan made a motion that nominations come to a close that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun. Attorney Pruitt stated that all in favor of closing the nominations also vote unanimously to appoint Larry Walker as Chairman by acclamation. Motion passed unanimously. Chairman Walker said that he appreciated the vote of confidence.

6. Election of Vice Chairman for 2001. Chairman Larry Walker made a ~~motion to~~ nominate Claude Thomas as Vice Chairman that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun. Councilman Gunnells made a motion that nominations come to a close that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and that Claude Thomas is appointed as Vice Chairman by acclamation. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Approval of December 11, 2000 County Council Meeting Minutes. Councilman Burdette made a motion to approve minutes that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.
8. Old Business:
 - a. 3rd Reading to adopt an ordinance granting the Assessor's Office a one year extension on the county tax reassessment and that we date our own date of June 30th to complete the reassessment. Councilman Agan said that he wanted to see a copy of the ordinance and didn't have one in his packet and he didn't see how it could be voted upon without seeing the ordinance. He commented by saying that to include the date of June 30th for completion of the reassessment and have it as a part of the ordinance makes it a law. To change the June 30th day would take 3 readings and he would rather drop the date of June 30th and just have it in the minutes that we are still requiring the completion by June 30th but not have it as part of the ordinance. Director Allen stated that the ordinance reads as it is stated above. After further discussion, V. C. Thomas made a motion that we table this until an ordinance is in hand that was seconded by Councilman Agan and passed unanimously.
 - b. 3rd Reading on request from Specialty Real Estate Inc. to rezone approx. 5.8 acres located near Lowndesville on the north side of Hwy. 81 at the intersection of Hwy. 81 and Ricky Lane from General Residential to General Commercial to allow for a restaurant and convenience store. After a brief discussion Councilman Forrester made a motion to table this until then next meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.
 - c. 3rd Reading to adopt an ordinance to put \$8,200 into the Development Board budget for World Class Education to come out of the Development Board Fund Balance. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to table this item that was seconded by Councilman Agan. Councilman Burdette abstained. Motion passed to table this item.

- d. 2nd Reading of an ordinance granting Right-of-Way Easement to Western Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative Inc. from the Abbeville Industrial Park Road as described in the Easement Agreement. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 2nd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.
 - e. 2nd Reading of an ordinance granting Right-of-Way Easement to David and S.M. Beaty from the Abbeville Industrial Park Road as described in the Easement Agreement. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 2nd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.
9. New Business:
- 1- *Approved to put meeting on agenda*
 - a. Approval of bills for payment. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve bills that was seconded by Councilman Burdette and passed unanimously.
 - b. Mr. I. V. White to discuss the building of a community center by the Church of Christ and to request a letter from Council stating the need for such a building. He stated that the Church is seeking funding through the United States Department of Agriculture and needs a letter from Abbeville County Council, as a local governing body to confirm the need. After further discussion, Councilman Thomas made a motion that we write this letter of support that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.
 - c. Director Paul Allen to request that Council allow him to hire a part-time Grant Writer to assist the County in securing grants for different Projects, i.e. Court House Renovations, computer software and hardware, etc. He addressed council by saying that Upper Savannah Council of Governments helps its member counties seek grants, but its efforts are split among a number of counties and Abbeville County needs someone to look after Abbeville County's interests. This writer could help with projects such as finding funding to replace/repair the Courthouse roof. He said that the projected cost for the remaining 6 months of our current budget is \$6,000 and he recommended that this money come from Dept. #503 Lump Sum Contingency Fund and be transferred to the Administration Dept. to allow him to hire this person. He continued by saying that we are facing a serious budget problem and they have allotted this year \$45,000 for roof renovations to the courthouse. After receiving estimates, this is not going to cover it and we are on our 5th year of allotting this money and we are not going to have this money again and felt that we needed to be aggressive and seek alternative means to achieve some of these goals. This person will be under contract and paid \$12,000 a year and would

be paid bi-weekly as other employees. He also stated that there was a balance of \$84,000 in the lump sum approp. Councilman Agan made a motion that we commit the \$6,000 that was seconded by Councilman Burdette..Councilman Agan stated that the person we hire needs to understand that this may end at any time. He also stated that it needed to be advertised in the paper. Motion passed unanimously.

- d. Request Council's approval of a Resolution from Emerald Center to purchase a 15 passenger bus to be used to transport individuals with disabilities and special needs to workshops, church, shopping, medical appointments, etc. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.
- e. Consideration of appointment to replace Horace Burnett on the Gleaams Human Resource Commission. Councilman Agan stated that this usually goes back to after our first meeting of the year appointments to different committees and different liaisons usually made by the Chairman. This also pertains to item f, which was consideration of Committee Assignments for January 2001. Chairman Walker suggested that we take the next two weeks to look at these committees and various appointments we might want to make and address item e and f at our next meeting. Councilman Agan put this in the form of a motion that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.
- f. Approval to transfer \$82,188.34 for the month of November from the LOT Monies into the General Fund Account. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve the transfer that was seconded by Councilman Gunnells and passed unanimously.
- g. Consideration of appointment of John Looney on the EMS Commission to replace Paul Cann who has resigned. Councilman Agan stated that this was one of the seats that the county appoints. After a brief discussion, he made a motion that we postpone the appointment of this seat that was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.

Next item was an addendum to the Agenda as follows:

- a. County to accept the following roads into the county system from the Department of Transportation: Old Sharon School Drive and Martin Webb Way. Director Allen stated that these were the two roads discussed in last month's CTC Meeting, which the State has asked they be turned over to the County. County Council asked him to contact the individuals living on these roads to see if they would assume

responsibility for their maintenance. He contacted both individuals and received letters from them saying if we receive the roads back from the State we can turn them back over to the individuals who will take over the roads and maintain them and they will not fall under the county's responsibility. After considerable discussion, council differed this until the next meeting.

- b. Approval to transfer \$224,326.83 for the month of December from the LOST Monies into the General Fund Account. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve this transfer that was seconded by Councilman Gunnells and passed unanimously.
- c. Next item was discussion of future meetings that are held throughout the county in various communities. These meetings are usually held in Calhoun Falls, Donalds and Diamond Hill. Council felt these meetings were successful. Councilman Agan made a motion that we follow this procedure again and schedule them for the first two meetings in September and the first meeting in October and allow Ms. Chrisley to work out the schedule. Motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

10. Executive Session:

- a. Development Board to discuss Economic Development Project
- b. Personnel Matter concerning Public Works Director. Councilman Thomas made a motion to go into executive session that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously. No action was taken in executive session. Councilman Calhoun made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Councilman Burdette and passed unanimously.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2001

PRESENT: Chairman Walker, Vice Chairman Thomas, Councilmen Agan, Forrester Calhoun, Gunnells, Burdette, Attorney Pruitt, Director Allen

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM with prayer given by Chairman Walker.

4. First item on the agenda was approval of the January 8, 2001 County Council Meeting Minutes. After a few minor changes, Councilman Agan made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections that was seconded by Vice Chairman Thomas and passed unanimously.

5. Next item on the agenda was a presentation by Tom Turner of DSS concerning their Annual Fiscal Year Report. He addressed Council by saying that DSS is making a concerted effort to get people off of welfare and into meaningful employment. He said that the effort had been successful in Abbeville County, with about 2% of county residents receiving a welfare stipend. He went on by saying that DSS contributes annually more than 11 million dollars in medical assistance to the county's economy. Mr. Turner asked Council to consider expanding an emergency account designed to help clients whose benefits have not become effective. He went on to say that last year, Abbeville County DSS was allocated \$8,040 from the county. Council received Mr. Turner's presentation as information.

Next item on the agenda was Laddie Howard to speak on behalf of the SC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. He stated that teen pregnancy is a very serious issue throughout the state and has far reaching impacts. He wanted to address the issue of teen pregnancy being a social issue as well as talking about the economical impact on Abbeville County and supporting the future efforts.

Next item was an addendum to the presentations and was Treasurer, Judy Scott to discuss budget cuts. She addressed council by saying that she got some good news but also received some pretty sad news as well. She said that one of the issues she wanted to discuss was the vehicle reimbursement from the state and that they received a check in the amount of \$70,970.88 this month and it was supposed to be \$137,000 which is probably what we are going to receive this year. At the end of December, there was a balance of \$36,946.76. If we add the \$70,970.88 to this we have a total of \$107,917.64 to reimburse the general fund. From January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000, credits were issued in the amount of \$110,019.88. If we do not get anymore funding, we would be short in the amount of \$2,200. In reference to the aid to subdivision checks, Ms. Scott stated that we usually get a quarterly check the beginning of January. To date, this has not been received. She went on by saying that these checks are important and that 23% of Abbeville County's Budget is dependent on state funding.

6. Old Business:

- a. 3rd Reading to adopt an ordinance granting the Assessor's Office a one-year extension on the county tax reassessment. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 3rd Reading on the ordinance as presented that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously. Mr. Agan stated that he would like to add to the minutes as discussed previously that we are looking for this tax reassessment to be completed by June 30th.
- b. 3rd Reading on a request from Specialty Real Estate Inc. to rezone approximately 5.8 acres located near Lowndesville on the North side of Hwy. 81 at the intersection of Hwy. 81 and Ricky Lane from General Residential to General Commercial to allow for a restaurant and convenience store. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 3rd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Forrester. V. C. Thomas asked Marion Tucker of the Planning Commission how the surrounding property was zoned to which he stated forest agriculture on one side and general residential on the other side and it fits into the Land Use Plan. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. 3rd Reading to adopt an ordinance to put \$8,200 into the Development Board budget for World Class Education to come out of the Development Board Fund Balance. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 3rd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Burdette and passed unanimously.
- d. Consideration of appointment to replace Horace Burnett on the GLEAMNS Human Resource Commission. After a brief discussion, Councilman Burdette made a motion to table this until the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.
- e. Consideration of committee assignments for January 2001. Chairman Walker stated that these assignments are made up of three member committees made up of council members and in addition there are liaisons to act between the county and other agencies within the county. V. C. Thomas made a motion to approve the committee assignments and liaisons that was seconded by Councilman Burdette and passed unanimously.
- f. Consideration of appointment of John Looney on the EMS Commission to replace Paul Cann who has resigned and reappointment of Barbara Dove to the EMS Commission as the citizen representative from Calhoun Falls. Councilman Calhoun made a motion that we appoint Barbara Dove to the EMS Commission as the citizen representative from Calhoun Falls that was seconded by Councilman Agan. Chairman Walker said that he spoke with John Looney, District 6 and his name came up at the last meeting and he has talked with him and he seems to be enthusiastic about it and willing to spend the time and effort necessary to do it. Councilman Calhoun made a motion that we reappoint Mr. John Looney and Barbara Dove to the

EMS Commission. Councilman Agan seconded this motion that was passed unanimously.

- g. County Attorney to make a recommendation on the acceptance of the following roads into the county system from the Department of Transportation: Old Sharon School Drive and Martin Webb Way. Attorney Pruitt stated that last year we gave a lot of time in coming up with a list of county roads, map and ordinance which we codified the map. The only way to change the map is with another ordinance. He suggested that the cleanest and quickest way to handle this would be to file an action in court, which they agreed to do, and Mr. Pruitt felt this was the way it should be done. Councilman Agan made a motion that we accept the recommendation of the Attorney that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

7. New Business:

- a. Consideration of reappointment of Gerald Miller representing Station #9 and James C. Alewine representing Station #11 to the Rural Fire Commission. Councilman Agan made a motion to reappoint these members as requested that was seconded by Councilman Gunnells and passed unanimously.
- b. Consideration of appointment of Eddie N. Moore, Jr. to the Rural Fire Commission representing Station #8. Councilman Agan made a motion to appoint Eddie Moore to the Rural Fire Commission that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.
- c. Consideration of recommendation from the Public Works Director to hire a part-time truck driver (CDI-Class A) to operate the tank truck hauling leachate from the landfill. After a brief discussion, Councilman Burdette made a motion that we hire a temporary part-time truck driver through the end of June 2001. Motion was seconded by V. C. Thomas and passed unanimously.
- d. Consideration of recommendation from the Public Works Director to purchase a Bobcat 863 Loader for use at the landfill. DLA government contract price is \$21,818 including sales tax (approved in FY2000/2001 Budget) Councilman Agan made a motion that we purchase the Loader at the price of \$21,818. Motion was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.
- e. Discuss moving council meetings to the auditorium at the County Office Bldg. After a brief discussion, V. C. Thomas made a motion that we move the council meetings to the auditorium at the County Office Bldg. Councilman Burdette seconded motion. Councilman Agan opposed by

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saying that other organizations use the auditorium at the County Office Bldg. and council meetings could interfere. Motion passed.

- f. Change Order from H. G. Reynolds in the amount of \$3,125.99. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve the Change Order that was seconded by Councilman Gunnells and passed unanimously.
- g. Consideration of 1st Reading on a request to rezone approximately 2 acres located on the west side of Hwy. 284 and S-1-72 (Lake Secession Road) from General Commercial to Forest Agriculture to allow for a Convenience Center. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 1st Reading that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.
- h. Approval of bills for payment. Councilman Burdette made a motion to approve bills that was seconded by V. C. Thomas and passed unanimously.

8. Executive Session:

- a. Development Board Director to discuss a contractual matter
- b. County Director to discuss a personnel matter. Councilman Calhoun made a motion to go into executive session that was seconded by Councilman Burdette and passed unanimously. Chairman Walker stated that there was one item that needed to be acted on which was to purchase a parcel of land from A.G. Timberland, approximately 68 acres, at a price of \$2300 per acre to be located adjacent to the 72 Industrial Park. Councilman Gunnells made a motion that we purchase this property that was seconded by Councilman Agan. Chairman Walker stated that the money to purchase this is money that the Development Board has that was given to them by the Little River Electric Coop. that is designated for this purpose. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman Thomas made a motion to add to the agenda to discuss complaints coming from the County Farm. Motion was seconded by Councilman Agan and passed unanimously. V. C. Thomas stated that because of the number of complaints coming from the inmates and guards of the county farm, he would like to make a motion that the County Director investigate the complaints coming from the operation of the County Farm and report back to council. Councilman Agan seconded this motion that was passed unanimously.

Councilman Calhoun made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Councilman Gunnells and passed unanimously.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2001

PRESENT: Chairman Walker, V. C. Thomas, Councilmen Forrester, Calhoun, Gunnells, Agan, Burdette, Director Allen, and Attorney Pruitt

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm with prayer.

First item on the agenda were public hearings on the following items:

- a. Adopt an ordinance granting Right-of-Way Easement to Western Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative Inc. from the Abbeville Industrial Park Road as described in the Easement Agreement. There were no comments.
- b. Adopt an ordinance granting Right-of-Way Easement to David and S.M. Beaty from the Abbeville County Industrial Park Road as described in the Easement Agreement. There were no comments.

Approval of January 22nd County Council Meeting Minutes. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve minutes that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- a. Consideration of 3rd Reading to adopt an ordinance granting Right-of-way Easement to Western Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative Inc. from the Abbeville Industrial Park Road as described in the Easement Agreement. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 3rd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.
- b. Consideration of 3rd Reading to adopt an ordinance granting Right-of-Way Easement to David and S. M. Beaty from the Abbeville County Industrial Park Road as described in the Easement Agreement. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 3rd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Burdette and passed unanimously.
- c. Consideration of 2nd Reading on a request to rezone approx. 2 acres located on the west side of Hwy. 284 and S-1-72 (Lake Secession Road) from General Commercial to Forest Agriculture to allow for a Convenience Center. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to have 2nd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.
- d. County Director to report back on complaints from the operation of the County Farm. Director Allen stated that the County prison was operating within the guidelines set by the authorities. He had been asked to investigate conditions at

the county farm after following reports of complaints from a number of inmates and at least one guard. He said that the operations of the County Farm were within law enforcement and insurance guidelines. He submitted a report on the investigation as did Public Works Director, Phil Gates under whose supervision the County Farm operates. Councilman Buddy Agan went on to say that there was a set of policies and procedures for the operation of the County Farm.

New Business:

- a. Approval of bills for payment. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve bills for payment that was seconded by Councilman Gunnells and passed unanimously.
- b. Approval of Resolution to allow the County Director to approve and sign the invoices to allow payment. Since this was a change in county policy, it could not be done by a resolution and needed to be done by amending Ordinance #13-00. Therefore, no action was taken.
- c. Consideration of 1st Reading of an Ordinance to amend Ordinance #13-00 to include the Abbeville County Department of Public Works and to allow the County Director to approve and sign invoices to allow payment. Councilman Charles Burdette made a motion to have 1st Reading that was seconded by Councilman Agan and passed unanimously.
- d. Approve appointment of Paul B. Crawford to the Abbeville County Memorial Hospital Board to replace Claude Thomas who resigned in order to assume a seat on the Abbeville County Council. V. C. Thomas made a motion to approve the appointment of Paul Crawford that was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.
- e. Consideration of Change Order granting H. G. Reynolds 16 days extension based on inclement weather and impact days where work was stopped. Councilman Agan asked that this be delayed until the next meeting since we have no backup as to why and how it is justified. He asked the Director to look at the contract to see if there were any provisions for rain workdays. He made a motion to this effect that was seconded by Councilman Gunnells and was passed unanimously.
- f. Approval of Resolution recognizing Long Cane AME Church for its efforts and contributions to the Community. Councilman Forrester made a motion to approve the Resolution that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. County Director to discuss personnel matters.

b. James Gilbert to discuss an economic development project. V. C. Thomas made a motion to go into executive session to discuss these items that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously. Councilman Agan made a motion to transfer \$2000 from Dept. 503 Non-Departmental Contingency Fund line item 89900 lump sum to Dept. 535 line item 11000. Motion was seconded by Councilman Burdette and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2001

PRESENT: Chairman Walker, Vice Chairman Thomas, Councilmen Agan, Forrester, Gunnells, Calhoun, and Director Allen

ABSENT: Attorney Pruitt, Councilman Burdette

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

First item on the agenda was approval of the February 12th County Council Meeting Minutes. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve minutes that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- a. 2nd Reading of an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 13-00 to include the Abbeville County Department of Public Works and allow the County Director to approve and sign invoices to allow payment. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 2nd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Gunnells and passed unanimously.*
- b. County Director to report back on Change Order granting H. G. Reynolds 16 days extension based on inclement weather and impact days where work was stopped. Councilman Agan stated that he still had some problem with the amount of days they were asking for and asked for information about why no work was done on those 16 days. He said that the company needed to provide more complete data on the weather for the days when no work was done because of cold or wet weather and that November and December are always wet and cold which is a normal winter and those months have been unusually cold, but relatively dry. Tim Perkins, Site Manager, for H. G. Reynolds told Council that construction depends on a critical path and when workers are unable to follow the path, construction falls behind. He said that masons could not work in the extremely cold weather because mortar needs to be set while temperatures are 35 degrees or higher and that workers were on the job but not able to do work that was progressing the job. V. C. Claude Thomas suggested that we get the Public Works Committee together which Councilman Gunnells is Chairman to look into this and suggested that we get any insight from Mr. Gates and Sheriff Goodwin on these issues since he would like to bring this matter to a final resolution. After further discussion, Chairman Walker stated that he would like a motion to be made that we get the Public Works Committee together to pursue this and to feel free to call on the contractor if additional information is needed so that whatever days we approve of the 16, we will feel it is appropriate and will be in the best interest of the county as well as its citizens. V. C. Thomas made a motion to move the impact study days over to the Public Works Committee and return*

with a recommendation to County Council in it's second meeting in March. Motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

- c. Consideration of appointment to replace Horace Burnett on the GLEAMNS Board. V. C. Thomas stated that after having some discussion with the Chairman of the GLEAMNS Resource Commission Board in Columbia, he moved that we delay the decision at this time. Motion was seconded by Councilman Agan and passed unanimously*

New Business:

- a. Approval of bills for payment. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve the bills for payment that was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.*
- b. Consideration of appointment of John Blythe to replace Hugh O'Neal, who is deceased on the Accommodations Tax Committee. Councilman Agan made a motion to appoint John Blythe to fill the unexpired term of Hugh O'Neal on the Accommodations Tax Committee. Motion was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.*
- c. Sheriff Goodwin to request authority to hire LEC Administrator. He addressed Council by saying that he has come before council to request authorization to hire an Administrator for the LEC at a recommended salary of \$32,000. He said that it was imperative for the County to hire an administrator as soon as possible to work out new guidelines and rules for housing inmates at the facility. This administrator would oversee the staff as well as the inmates. The appropriate staff would also need to be documented and implemented prior to opening. Director Allen stated that in working with the Sheriff to try and find the funds to pay for this position, they were able to come up with two areas one being the lump sum appropriations of which there is \$78,000 remaining in this item. The second area would be the \$12,800 council allotted for the Master-in-Equity Office that is sitting there and not being used towards the office.that would cover the rest of the year without going into the lump sum appropriations under the assumption that the Sheriff will run the ad and we do not fill the position until mid March.. Vice Chairman Thomas made a motion that we fund the Sheriff's position of Jail Administrator with money from the Master in Equity's position up until June 30, 2001. Motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.*
- d. Consideration of 1st Reading to amend Ordinance No. 6.004, Section IV defining the standing committees of Abbeville County to include the committee on Public Safety and redefine the matters of which they have jurisdiction. Director Allen stated that the amendment establishes a public safety committee to work with law enforcement, fire commission and the EMS Commission. It also moves zoning from the committee on public works to that involving planning and industrial*

development. Water and sewer systems are moved to Public Works from Planning and Industrial Development The amendment also places the County Council Chairman as Chairman of the Finance Committee and Vice Chairman as Chairman of the personnel and administration committee. Councilman Agan made a motion to have 1st Reading that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

Councilman Agan made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.